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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING SKILL LEVEL IN A TOURNAMENT SETTING

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In Reply to the Office Action dated March 27, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-22 under 35 USC §102(a) over Saidakovsky (U.S. Patent No. 6,604,997). Because Saidakovsky fails to disclose or suggest all the features of these claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Saidakovsky is directed to a system for conducting game tournaments online. In the Saidakovsky system, multiple participants can register with the game service and then enter various different individual tournaments. The Saidakovsky system will set a time window for game play of a particular tournament. When the time window opens, participants can log into